

Winning the Battle in Our Schools

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

Sometimes the first step in winning a battle is to recognize there actually is one! The enemy wants us to be unaware of the warfare raging against believers. Make no mistake. If you are a believer, the enemy has it out for you and wants nothing more than to make you feel defeated or ineffective as a Christian educator.

Are you prepared to fight? Some translations of Ephesians 6:12 use the word *wrestle* instead of *fight*. In the space below, identify the people, circumstances, or problems you are wrestling with right now.

Read Ephesians 6:12 again.

When we wrestle or fight, who are we REALLY fighting against?

How does acknowledging who the real enemy is change your view of the battle you are facing?

Read Ephesians 6:10-18

What does verse 11 say we must do to enter the battle? What difference will it make?

List the pieces of armor outlined in verses 14-17.

Why do you feel Paul ends this section by emphasizing prayer?

Although battles can feel overwhelming, we must remember two things. First, the battle has already been won through the work of Christ on the cross. Second, we don't fight alone or ill-equipped. Don't cower, dear friend. You are more than a conqueror! (Romans 8:37). Fight your battle!

O, Lord, thank you for the power we have in Christ. Strengthen us Lord through your Holy Spirit to claim your truth and stand firm in faith. Yours is the victory. In Jesus name, amen.